



Forest Health Protection Grant Program In South Central Idaho - 2006



A tool for family forest owners to keep their forests healthy

The Idaho Department of Lands and the USDA Forest Service, Forest Health Protection (Regions 1 and 4) established a partnership to offer cost share grants to landowners with forest lands that have been heavily impacted by bark beetles. The program initially started within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in central Idaho in 2004 to help landowners affected by the mountain pine beetle epidemic. It has now expanded to adjacent counties with both mountain pine beetle and Douglas-fir beetle outbreaks. To date, \$1.3 million in grant funds (52 projects) have helped private landowners implement recommended prevention, suppression and restoration practices. Cost share treatments include:

- Removing trees infested with bark beetles
- Application of insecticides (Carbaryl) and pheromones (mch) to prevent beetle attacks
- Thinning to reduce stand susceptibility to bark beetles



Applying preventative spray



Protecting old growth Douglas-fir

Homeowners have been very grateful for the assistance from the Idaho Department of Lands and the Forest Service. Without the aid of the grant, projects to create healthier stands of trees on private land would not have been accomplished. This program has been a successful tool that has educated private landowners on the value of proactive forest management.

“thanks again for all your help and for the IDL support of this program. It has enabled homeowners in our area to do a lot more to protect and improve the health of the forests on our land than we would have been able to do on our own.” Paul Hill, Homeowner Representative

Year	Infested trees removed	Trees sprayed (Carbaryl)	Pheromone caps deployed (mch)	Acres Thinned	Acres Planted
2004	14,084 / 755 ac	7,418 / 230 ac	0	0	0
2005	5,709 / 150 ac	7,801 / 273 ac	1,275 / 43 ac	21	3
2006	8,750 / 330 ac	17,248 / 491 ac	15,968 / 532 ac	346	42
Total	28,543 / 1,235ac	32,467 / 994ac	17,243 / 575ac	367ac	45ac

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